

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 14, 15, 25, 26, 34-36, 50 and 51 are amended. Claims 55-96 are cancelled. Claims 97-100 are added. Claims 1-54 and 97-100 are in the application for consideration.

The amended claims are collectively amended to insert more preferred, grammatically correct hyphenation, to change "depositing" to "forming", and to insert "oxide-containing" before "surface". Entry of these amendments is requested.

The Examiner asserts patentably distinct species of Species I (Figs. 1-3) and Species II (Figs. 5-7). Applicant hereby elects Species I. Claims 1-54 are readable thereon. Claims 55-96 have been canceled.

Added claims 97-100 read upon the elected species.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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